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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Fairfield Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange
Access Service and for Flexible Regulation

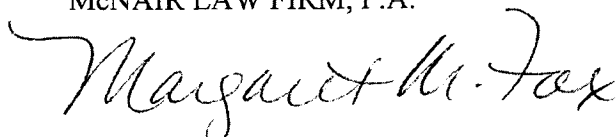
Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Fairfield Communications, Inc. please find an
Application for Expanded Authority in the above-referenced matter. Also
enclosed with this application is a proposed Notice of Filing and Hearing.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. _____

IN RE:

Application of Fairfield Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of)	APPLICATION
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and)	FOR EXPANDED
Exchange Access Service and for Flexible Regulation)	AUTHORITY
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Fairfield Communications, Inc. ("Applicant") hereby submits this application to the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("the Commission") to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 and the rules and regulations of the Commission, to permit it to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in certain areas currently being served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Incorporated, d/b/a AT&T South Carolina ("AT&T"). Applicant proposes to expand its service to those areas currently being served by AT&T in the portion of AT&T's service area located within Richland County. In support of this application, the following is shown:

1. Applicant's name and address are as follows:

Fairfield Communications, Inc.
116 York Street
Chester, South Carolina 29706

2. Correspondence regarding this Application should be addressed to Applicant's counsel:

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Margaret M. Fox
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Post Office Box 11390
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
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3. The name, title, address and telephone number of the person who should be contacted in connection with general management of the company is:

J. Brian Singleton
President & CEO
Fairfield Communications, Inc.
112 York Street
Chester, South Carolina 29706
Telephone: (803) 581-9193
Facsimile: (803) 581-2223
Email: bsingleton@truvista.biz

4. Applicant is organized as a corporation in the State of South Carolina, and has previously been issued a certificate of public convenience and necessity by this Commission. In 2003, the Commission granted Applicant a certificate in this docket to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in the Winnsboro exchange currently being served by Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc., formerly Verizon South, Incorporated. See Order No. 2003-41 in Docket No. 2002-355-C. In 2007, the Commission granted Applicant's request to amend its certificate to permit it to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located within the portion of AT&T's service area located within Kershaw County. See Commission Order No. 2007-1 in Docket No. 2002-355-C. Both the certificate and the amended certificate were granted to Applicant upon a finding by the Commission that Applicant has the

technical, financial, and managerial resources sufficient to provide the requested services within the State of South Carolina, and that the Applicant met all other requirements of certification. Applicant continues to meet these requirements, as demonstrated in the Profiles of Company Officers attached as Exhibit A, and the Applicant's most recent Annual Report filed with the Commission, which is attached as Exhibit B.

5. Applicant proposes to expand its service to those areas currently being served by AT&T in Richland County. Applicant initially will provide special access services in Richland County pursuant to its existing Access Services Tariffs. Applicant will provide a full range of local exchange and exchange access services in Richland County once plant and facilities are in place to enable Applicant to provide such services in the expanded area. Applicant's proposed local exchange and exchange access services will be provided to customers located in the expanded area under the same terms and conditions as it is currently providing to customers in its presently certificated service area, at rates comparable to those of the incumbent LEC serving the area.

6. Amending Applicant's certificate to expand its service area will serve the public interest. Applicant is an established competitive local exchange carrier in South Carolina. Provision of service by Applicant in the requested service area will enhance competition in the State of South Carolina by offering additional service options and high service quality to South Carolina telecommunications users.

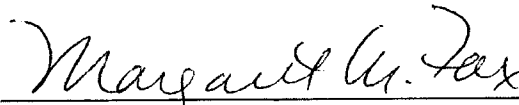
7. As demonstrated in Applicant's prior certification proceedings, and as demonstrated by Applicant's service history and the Annual Reports that are filed with the Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff by Applicant and its parent company on an annual basis, Applicant has the technical, managerial, and financial resources necessary to provide service in the requested areas.

8. As demonstrated in Applicant's prior certification proceedings, and as demonstrated by Applicant's service history, Applicant will provide services which meet the service standards of the Commission; Applicant's provision of service will not adversely impact the availability of affordable local exchange service, and will not otherwise adversely impact the public interest; and Applicant will support universally available telephone service at affordable rates.

9. The Commission has previously granted Applicant's request for flexible regulation of its local exchange telecommunications services. See Commission Order No. 2003-41 in Docket No. 2002-355-C. Applicant requests the same treatment for local exchange telecommunications services provided in the expanded area for which it requests certification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina amend the certificate of Fairfield Communications, Inc. to include those areas described in this Application that are currently being served by AT&T in Richland County, and that its rates and tariffs for such local telecommunications service in the expanded area be regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation, consistent with the authority previously granted by the Commission to Applicant for the local exchange areas it currently serves.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret M. Fox". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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October 17, 2011

ATTACHMENT A

PROFILES OF COMPANY OFFICERS

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J Brian Singleton, President & CEO

Mr. Singleton serves as President and CEO of the parent company, Chester Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista ("Truvista"). Mr. Singleton has served in that capacity since joining the company in December 2004.

Mr. Singleton has extensive experience in the telecommunications industry having held a variety of executive management positions in more than 20 years of service at Bellsouth prior to Chester Telephone. Mr. Singleton is a native of Birmingham, Alabama.

Educational background: Bachelor of Science-Business-University of Alabama
Graduate study Executive and Finance-Wharton School
of Business, University of Pennsylvania

Cheryl Wylie-Treasurer

Mrs. Wylie serves as Controller of TruVista and has extensive knowledge of accounting principles as applied to the telephone industry having served 29 years in the positions of Controller and Accounting Manager for TruVista since 1982. Mrs. Wylie is a native of Augusta, Georgia.

Educational background: Bachelor of Science- Business Administration-Winthrop University

Thomas T. Harper-Secretary

Mr. Harper has served as the Director-of Administration and Regulatory Affairs for TruVista since 2006.

Prior to his tenure at TruVista, Mr. Harper served as the CEO of Datrax Inc, a consulting firm specializing in data recovery services for the telephone industry. Prior to 1984, Mr. Harper held a variety of engineering positions at Southern Bell/Bell South in Columbia, Atlanta and Charlotte. Mr. Harper is a native of Lancaster, S.C.

Educational background: Bachelor of Engineering Technology University of North
Carolina-Charlotte
MBA- University of South Carolina

NOTE

Chester Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista subsidiaries include: Ridgeway Telephone Company, Inc.; The Lockhart Telephone Company, Inc.; Fairfield Communications, Inc.; Chester Long Distance Services, Inc. Chester Communications, LLC ,Camden Corporate Investments, LLC and TruVista Security Services, LLC. These companies together provide a full range of voice, video, broadband, and security services in Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw and Union Counties, S.C.

ATTACHMENT B

**FAIRFIELD COMMUNICATIONS
2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Fairfield Communications

Exact Legal Name of Respondent

PSC/ORS Number (leave blank)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2010

☒ Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2010
or

☐ Fiscal Year Ending _____

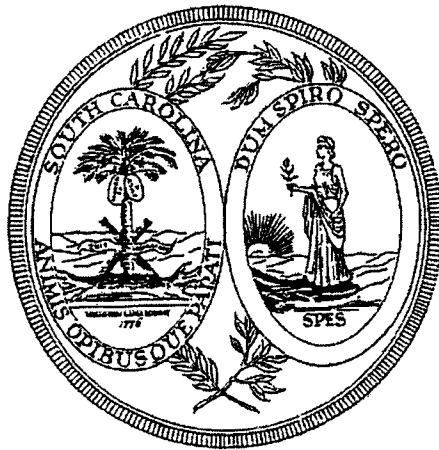


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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. All Telecommunications Companies are required by state law to complete and file this annual report. Two copies should be mailed to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, P.O. Box 11263, Columbia, SC 29211 by April 1, 2006. A third copy should be retained by the company for reference. Upon receipt, the Office of Regulatory Staff will forward one copy to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Filing two copies with the Office of Regulatory Staff will satisfy the utility's responsibility for submitting an annual report as required pursuant to Commission regulations. Pencil entries will not be permitted on the hard copy.
2. All forms are available in MS Excel on the Office of Regulatory Staff web site at www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov.
3. Where no information is available for an item in the report, "0," None, or Not applicable are appropriate responses.
4. All accounting terms and phrases used in this report are to be interpreted in accordance with the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed in part 32 of the Federal code of regulation, or in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles if your company has specific permission from this Commission to use GAAP for financial reporting and record keeping.
5. Throughout this report, money items will be rounded to the nearest dollar.
6. Failure to comply with the submission of the annual report may result in fines and/or revocation of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.
7. Separate notification is required for changes in company information -- i.e. name, address, telephone number, contact names, sale or purchase of Company, corporate structure.
8. Contact the Office of Regulatory Staff at (803) 737-0800 if you have questions about this form or the requirements for a Telecommunications Company.
9. Companies that have been approved for Alternative Regulation are not required to complete schedules 4, 5 and 6.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2011-__-C

Docket Summary: Application of Fairfield Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service and for Flexible Regulation

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A copy of the Company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2011-__-C. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on ____, at ____, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before ____, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2011-__-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Company's representative at the above address, on or before ____, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. *Please refer to Docket No. 2011-__-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Commission, in writing, at the address below on or before ____. *Please refer to Docket No. 2011-__-C.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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Direct correspondence to: Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attention: Clerk's Office
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